

Remarks

This REPLY is in response to an Office Action mailed December 14, 2005, in which the Examiner requested the Applicants to elect a single species, "i.e., a single disclosed composition with all components specified." Applicants herein elect a composition comprising carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC), polyethylene oxide (PEO), Ca++ and thrombin. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned if a conversation would move the case forward.

Accompanying this REPLY is a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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